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Applicants: Jeffrey M. Catchmark et al.

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For: OPTICAL WAVEGUIDES AND GRATING STRUCTURES FABRICATED
USING POLYMERIC DIELECTRIC COMPOSITIONS

Docket No.: 823.0126USU

Examiner: Phan T.H. Palmer

Art Unit: 2874

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's Restriction/Election Requirement dated August 6, 2003, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I as follows:

GROUP I

Claims 1-50, drawn to a process for making an optical device; and

Claims 69-71, drawn to an optical device prepared by the process.

This election is made with traverse.

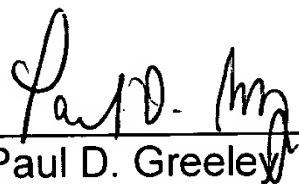
Applicants submit that any search directed to a process of making an optical device as defined by claims 1-50 or to a device prepared by that process would necessarily yield information on a device defined by claims 51-68. Thus, examination of the non-elected claims would not be burdensome.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the claims of the non-elected invention, namely claims 51-68, should be rejoined and included in the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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